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SUBJ: CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER CONCLUDES VISIT - JOINT COMMUNIQUE
REFLECT CONGRUENCE OF VIEWS

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SUMMARY AND COMMENT: CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALMIERCA
CONCLUDED FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO ETHIOPIA ON MARCH
21 WITHOUT MEETING WITH PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRA-
TIVE COUNCIL (PMAC OR DIRG) CHAIRMAN MENGISTU, PRESUMABLY
BECAUSE LATTER WAS OUT OF COUNTRY FOR HEALTH REASONS.
MALMIERCA DID MEET WITH RANKING DIRG MEMBERS CAPT. FIKRE-
SELASSIE WOGDERESS (SECGEN) AND SUB-LT. TAMRAT FEREDÉ
(INFO AND PUBLIC RELATIONS) BOTH CONSIDERED IDEOLOGUES
WITHIN DIRG. OFFICIAL VISIT RESULTED IN SIGNING OF CUL-
TURAL ACCORD, NOT FURTHER SPECIFIED, AGREEMENT ON COL-
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LABORATION BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTRIES AND JOINT, MU-
TUALLY SUPPORTIVE COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS PUBLISHED FOUR
DAYS AFTER MALMIERCA'S DEPARTURE. COMMUNIQUE COVERED
FULL RANGE OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO
EACH COUNTRY INCLUDING GUANTANAMO BASE, NEUTRON BOMB,
PUERTO RICO, AND CONDITIONS FOR LASTING PEACE IN HORN.
VISIT HAD APPEARANCE OF BEING SUCCESSFUL FOR BOTH

SIDES, DESPITE ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN MENGISTU. END SUMMARY AND COMMENT.

1. CUBAN FONMIN MALMIERCA SPENT LAST TWO DAYS OF VISIT TO ETHIOPIA VISITING EASTERN FRONT (DIRE DAWA, HARAR AND JIJIGA) AND MEETING WITH SUB-LT. TAMRAT FERED, RANKING DIRG MEMBER IN CHARGE OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS AND CHIEF IDEOLOGICAL PROPAGANDIST WITHIN DIRG. NEITHER EVENT PRODUCED MUCH OF NOTE, AT LEAST ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS, WITH MALMIERCA REITERATING PRAISE FOR ETHIOPIAN VICTORIES IN OGADEN AND PROGRESS OF REVOLUTION AND ETHIOPIANS THANKING CUBANS FOR THEIR FULL COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE (FULL TEXT BY SEPAIR) REPRESENTS SERIES OF MUTUAL TRADE-OFFS. IN COMMUNIQUE FOR ETHIOPIANS' BENEFIT WAS (A) CUBA'S RECOGNITION THAT ETHIOPIA'S REVOLUTION IS GENUINE AND OF ENORMOUS SIGNIFICANCE, (B) TOTAL CUBAN SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA'S REVOLUTION, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST EXTERNAL AGGRESSION, (C) CONDEMNATION OF "SINISTER ACTIVITIES" IN HORN AND RED SEA BY IMPERIALISM TO ENCOURAGE TERRITORIAL CLAIMS, INCITE RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC DIFFERENCES, AND PROMOTE FRATRICIDAL WARS AMONG AFRICAN PEOPLES, (D) COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON ETHIOPIA'S CONDITIONS FOR LASTING PEACE IN HORN, INCLUDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOMALIA'S RENUNCIATION OF ALL TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AND CESSATION OF INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, (E) SCRUPULOUS RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES, AND (F) CONDEMNATION OF CONCERTED CONSPIRACY OF SOME REACTIONARY REGIMES SUCH AS SAUDIA ARABIA AND IRAN AGAINST ETHIOPIA'S REVOLUTION AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AS WELL AS THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA'S AGGRESSION AGAINST ETHIOPIA.

3. FOR THEIR PART, CUBANS GAINED (A) ETHIOPIAN CONDEMNATION OF "CRIMINAL BLOCKADE BY US IMPERIALISM AGAINST CUBA," (B) CALL FOR IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RETURN OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE TO CUBAN PEOPLE, (C) APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY CUBAN PEOPLE TO ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE, AS WELL AS OTHER PEOPLES OF AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA, (D) SUPPORT FOR ANGOLAN REVOLUTION UNDER LEADERSHIP OF MPLA-LABOR PARTY AND ITS PRESIDENT ANTONIO AGOSTINHO NETO, (E) SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLE OF LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES FOR RECOVERY OF THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES FROM TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND IMPERIALISM, AS WELL AS STRUGGLE AGAINST NATIONAL OBIGARCHIES, (F) REPUDIATION AND CONDEMNATION OF LATIN

AMERICAN DICTATORSHIPS, EXPECIALLY FACIST JUNTA OF CHILE, AND (G) RECOGNITION OF POSITIVE ROLE PLAYED BY CUBA IN NONALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) AND LATTER'S DECISION TO HOST 1979 NAM SUMMIT IN HAVANA.

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4. ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES TWO SIDES REACHED AGREEMENT ON (A) ZIMBABWE - REJECTION OF "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT" AND SUPPORT FOR PATRIOTIC FRONT AS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF ZIMBABWE PEOPLE, (B) SOUTH AFRICA - MORE ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THOSE VALIANTLY FIGHTING SGAINST APARTHEID, (C) NAMIBIA - FULL SUPPORT FOR SWAPO AS SOLE AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, (D) FRONT LINE STATES - REJECTION OF PRESSURE BEING EXERTED BY IMPERIALISTS AND SUPPORT FOR STATES' INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, (E) WESTERN SAHARA - STRICT APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION CONTAINED IN UN DECLARATION 1514 (XV) ON GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLE, (F) MIDDLE EAST - (1) CONDEMNATION OF LATEST INVASION OF LEBANON BY ISRAEL, (2) CALL FOR EARLY CONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, TO INCLUDE PLO AS SOLE AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE,

(3) SOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNSC RESOLUTIONS 242 AND
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338, AND (4) DISAPPROVAL OF EGYPT'S DEAL WITHOUT PRIOR
CONSULTATION WITH ALL STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH
HAVE PRIMARY INTEREST IN ISSUE, (G) INDIAN OCEAN -
CONDEMNED EXISTENCE OF IMPERIALIST MILITARY BASES AS
THREAT TO PEACH IN REGION, (H) KOREA - REAFFIRMED SUP-
PORT FOR STRUGGLE OF KOREAN PEOPLE FOR REUNIFICATION
WITHOUT ANY FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT, (I) ARMS RACE - (1)
EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER INTENSIFICATION OF ARMS RACE,
EXPECIALLY DEVELOPMENT OF NEUTRON BOMB BY USA, AND
(2) STRESSED NEED FOR MAXIMUM EFFORT BY "PEACH-LOVING
COUNTRIES" TO ENSURE SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON DISARMA-
MENT SUCCEEDS IN HALTING ARMS RACE, AND (J) SOVIET UNION
AND NAM - RECOGNITION THAT STRONG POSITION OF USSR HAS
CREATED FAVORABLE ALIGNMENT OF FORCES TOWARD SOCIALISM,
NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS AND THAT PRE-
SENT DETENTE POLICY HAS RESULTED FROM THESE CHANGES,
DESPITE WAR-LIKE ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN CAPITALIST COUN-
TRIES TO UNDERMINE DETENTE. BOTH SIDES UNDERLINED IN-
PORTANCE OF NAM.

5. ETHIOPIANS DEMURRED ON PUERTO RICO QUESTION, NOTING
ONLY THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND THAT ISSUE
WOULD BE KEPT UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW. WHILE THIS IS
PROBABLY ONLY OF MINOR SIGNIFICANCE, IT IS INTERESTING
TO NOTE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY TAKES PRE-
CEDENCE IN ETHIOPIAN VIEW OVER CUBAN POSITION THAT PEO-
PLES STILL UNDER ALIEN DOMINATION. ETHIOPIAN POSITION
HAS MORE TO DO WITH OWN STANCE ON ERITREA THAN SUPPORT
FOR US.
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